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SUBJECT: FOREIGN GOLD COINS

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1. ALL GOLD COINS MINTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM BEARING THE DATE 1838 AND ONWARD ARE CONSIDERED "LEGAL TENDER." THESE COINS HAVE NOMINAL FACE VALUES OF ONE-HALF SOVEREIGN ONE POUND, TWO POUNDS, AND FIVE POUNDS.

2. CURRENTLY THE ONLY GOLD COIN MINTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE U.K. GOLD SOVEREIGN WHICH HAS A NOMINAL OF FINE GOLD AND HAS A CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF 18 TO 19 POUNDS. THE LATEST ISSUE WAS STRUCK IN 1974.

3. IN CONTRAST TO THE INTERPRETATION OF SECTION 489 OF TITLE 18 OF THE U.S. CODE AS PRESENTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL U.K. REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE REPRODUCTION OF ANY U.K. COIN WHICH, AT ANY TIME, WAS CONSIDERED "LEGAL TENDER."

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